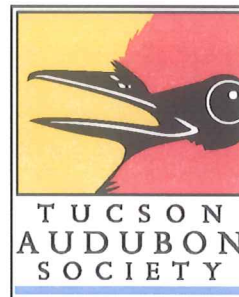


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To Whom It May Concern: This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552). The Tucson Audubon Society respectfully requests a copy of any communications, including memos of conversations, draft e-mails or letters, e-mails and any other correspondence regarding the 2006 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) Permit #2003-00826-SDM, Whetstone Ranch, The Canyons at Whetstone Ranch, and Villages at Vigneto generated, modified, or acquired by the Environmental Protection Agency.

We request copies of all records, including but not limited to electronic mail messages, handwritten notes, meeting or phone conversation notes, published or unpublished reports, memoranda, and correspondence (including, but not limited to correspondence between: (1) any office, staff, representative, contractor or other agent of the EPA, and (2) El Dorado Benson LLC or its attorneys, staff, representatives, contractors or other agents, the Army Corps of Engineers, or US Fish and Wildlife, other agencies or organizations, concerning: the Villages at Vigneto project or Army Corps Clean Water Act Permit No. 2003-00826-SDM concerning that project.

In order to help you determine our status for the purpose of assessing fees, you should know that the Tucson Audubon Society is a small 501(c)(3) tax exempt, non-profit conservation organization with a membership of approximately 4,000. We are requesting the aforementioned information for purposes pertaining to the public interest and to further public understanding of the Department's activities and operations. As such, we request that any fees for responding to this request be waived or minimized to the greatest degree possible. I also include my e-mail address and telephone number at which I can be contacted if necessary to discuss any aspect of our request.

Sincerely,

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